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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	4:16CR533 RLW/SPM
	)	
DARLANA JONES,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

INDICTMENT

COUNTS ONE THROUGH THREE

The Grand Jury charges:

A. Introduction

1. On March 1, 2001, **DARLANA JONES,** hereinafter referred to as **"JONES,"** filed a worker's compensation claim for an injury she sustained on March 1, 2001.

2. On December 2, 2004, a stipulation for compromise settlement was entered between the defendant and her former employer which established a disability of 15.9% and a lump sum settlement of $9,250.00.

3. The Social Security Administration deemed **JONES** eligible for disability payments through the Supplemental Security Income Program on April 22, 2009. As the Supplemental Security Income program is a means-tested program, the Social Security Administration takes into account all income and resources that an individual has or can obtain, including worker's compensation benefits. Despite being asked about any resources when she applied for benefits, defendant failed to disclose that she had a worker's compensation claim pending.

4. A final award was entered by an administrative law judge on December 21, 2010 which held **JONES'** former employer liable for a weekly permanent total disability benefit of $149.75.

5. On February 2, 2011, the Social Security Administration conducted a redetermination proceeding in order to determine whether **JONES** continued to be eligible for disability benefits under the Supplemental Security Income Program. Through this proceeding, **JONES** was asked to disclose any changes to her income. Defendant, however, concealed her receipt of the worker's compensation benefits.

6. As a result of defendant's concealment of worker's compensation benefits, between February 1, 2008 and September 30, 2016, defendant obtained federal disability benefits from the Social Security Administration in the amount of $14,860.10.

B. On or about the following dates, within the Eastern District of Missouri, the defendant,

DARLANA JONES,

did embezzle, steal, purloin, or knowingly convert to her use, and the use of others, money of the United States or of any department or agency thereof, or any property made or being made under contract for the United States or any department or agency thereof, to wit: the listed amounts of government funds:

COUNT	DATE	AMOUNT
1	July 1, 2016	$451.70
2	August 1, 2016	$451.70
3	September 1, 2016	$451.70

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 641.

A TRUE BILL.

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